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Re: Application of: HASHMI, Syed, et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2003 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application, a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time being submitted concurrently herewith, Applicants hereby amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.